

## House Republican Press Release

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### **Rep. Frey: Connecticut Information Now Part of National Sex Offender Registry**



**HARTFORD** –State Rep. John H. Frey, R-Ridgefield, announced that state has contributed information on all of the sex offenders registered in Connecticut to the National Sex Offender Public Registry (NSOPR).

Connecticut joins 48 other states on the national registry, which is located at [www.nsopr.gov](http://www.nsopr.gov). All of the 4136 registered sex offenders living, working or attending

school in Connecticut will now be included on the national website.

NSOPR provides internet users with a free nationwide search of public sex offender registry files to deliver matched results based on a name, state, county, city/town, or zip code.

In 1999, Rep. Frey cosponsored legislation that created the Connecticut registry. State law now mandates that the Department of Public Safety (DPS) maintain a central registry of people convicted of certain sexual offenses, who are required to register under the general statutes.

“Adding Connecticut to the national registry is a very positive move,” said Rep. Frey. “The national website provides access to 48 sex offender registries on and can help safeguard communities. While someone might not register in Connecticut, it may be possible to locate them by name on the national registry. People now have additional means to learn if a convicted sex offender resides nearby.”

Persons who have been arrested or accused of a sex offense listed in Connecticut General Statutes 54-250 through 54-261 are not required to register unless the accusation results in a conviction or a finding of not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect. This list contains only offenders who have been convicted or found not guilty by reason of mental disease or defect.

Offenders who were released into the community after October 1, 1988 are required to register. According to DPS, the department updates the registry regularly to ensure it is complete and accurate. However, state residents should be aware this information can change quickly and is the registry represents the latest data of record and may not reflect the current residence, status, or other information regarding a registrant (offender).

DPS has not considered or assessed the specific risk of re-offense with regard to any individual prior to his or her inclusion within this registry, and has made no determination that any individual included in the Registry is currently dangerous. Individuals included within the registry are included solely by virtue of their conviction record and state law.

The registry website is: [www.state.ct.us/dps/sex\\_offender\\_registry.htm](http://www.state.ct.us/dps/sex_offender_registry.htm)

For further information on any subjects listed on the registry, state law authorizes the Department of Public Safety to release to any person, a state criminal conviction record for a fee of \$25.00. For more information, contact the DPS State Bureau of Identification (SPBI) at (860) 685-8480.